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not what I intended to do, and that's why I argued against the amendment. So now we could have just effectively put the kabosh on the whole thing. We could have done that, just with our last vote. If anybody wants to move to reconsider, that would be great. It really should be done. I really do think it should be done. I don't think Senator Lamb's intent was to do that, but we've done it. Senator Beutler's amendment will just add a few more things for that department to consider as they drive across the state with their two people and visit each and every landfill to come up with this closure plan. And there are other things than water that should be considered. I would really, any of you that thought you were doing something other than what actually happened, and you want...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...to reconsider, I would recommend it right now.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Now recognize Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Lamb. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I want to speak to you seriously, because notwithstanding the many remarks you've heard over the years, notwithstanding the implications of certain actions on this floor, I think I know a little bit about what's going on, and probably have as deep an interest and understanding as any of you. And, with that egotistical statement, then I'll proceed with the amendment offered by Senator Beutler. If the DEC does not have sufficient resources to investigate whether or not a landfill is a threat to the water supply of that area, then I would ask how they're going to have the resources to determine if the landfill is a threat to people, along with water, because, if I live at Bellwood and I feel that the landfill is a threat to me, then is the DEC going to have to question all 410 residents of that village, plus the several hundred farmers who live within the area, plus possibly the people who drive down Highway 64, or fly across the county, or anything else? It really opens up the responsibility for the Department of Environmental Control. I've been told that they only have two people over there to take care of this problem. I do not know what the order of priorities are for the department. It may well be, Mr. Chairman Johnson, that the committee may want to look at priorities for the department. We've assigned